

TRIBUTE TO DON AND MICKIE  
STEPHEN

**HON. TOM LATHAM**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 24, 2008*

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the 50th anniversary of Stephen Cleaners and the retirement of Don and Mickie Stephen, co-owners of Stephen Cleaners in Adel, Iowa.

Don began working with his father in the dry cleaning business in Oskaloosa, Iowa, in 1948. In 1958, Don and his wife Mickie moved to Adel and began Stephen Cleaners on the downtown courthouse square. Don and Mickie continued the business through many changes in business climate and innovations in wash-and-wear fashions. They have now passed the business down into good hands; their daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Randy Clark already have 25 years of their own business experience.

Don and Mickie Stephen have left a positive mark on the city of Adel and will be truly missed on Nile Kinnick Avenue. However, just as they have been doing since 1969, the Stephens will continue to camp out at and attend the annual Iowa State Fair, which is the only time of year they ever closed their store. I know that my colleagues in the United States Congress join me in commending Don and Mickie for their service to their community and congratulating them on their retirement and over 60 happy years of marriage. I consider it an honor to represent Don and Mickie in Congress, and I wish them a long, happy and healthy retirement.

HONORING BENJAMIN SAUNDERS

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 24, 2008*

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Benjamin Saunders of Kansas City, Missouri. Benjamin is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 180, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Benjamin has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. Over the many years Benjamin has been involved with Scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Benjamin Saunders for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

THE DAILY 45: A MASSACHUSETTS  
SUICIDE

**HON. BOBBY L. RUSH**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 24, 2008*

Mr. RUSH. Madam Speaker, everyday, 45 people, on average, are fatally shot in the United States.

Unfortunately, many of these shootings are the result of a relationship gone bad. On September 22, in Massachusetts, with a .35-caliber gun in his hand and a lack of judgment in his head, Scott MacLellan shot and wounded his ex-girlfriend's new boyfriend and then fired a fatal shot into his own skull. She was ready and did move on, but Scott refused to respect her wishes. Too many people with control issues are forcing either their partners or themselves to an early grave. Too often, they use a gun to carry out their plans.

Americans of conscience must come together to stop the senseless death of "The Daily 45." When will Americans say "enough is enough, stop the killing!"

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF  
REPRESENTATIVE MICHAEL R.  
MCNULTY

SPEECH OF

**HON. KIRSTEN E. GILLIBRAND**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 22, 2008*

Mrs. GILLIBRAND. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Congressman MICHAEL MCNULTY, the distinguished Representative of New York's 21st District, as he prepares to conclude 20 years of service to the people of Upstate New York in the House of Representatives.

In Congress, MICHAEL MCNULTY has been more than simply a colleague to me over the past 2 years, but also a mentor and friend. I have benefited greatly from his constant advice and counsel as I navigate through my first term in Congress. He has always been there to offer an encouraging word or friendly piece of advice. For that and many other reasons, I will miss his presence here in the House Chamber.

Congressman MCNULTY started on his path to service when he became an Eagle Scout at the age of 12, displaying at an early age his leadership and dedication to public service. He then went on to become the youngest Town Supervisor in New York State when he was elected as Supervisor of the Town of Green Island at the age of 22.

Congressman MCNULTY's service in elected office spans almost four decades, as supervisor and mayor of the Village of Green Island, a member of the New York State Assembly and a Member of this House since 1988. In Congress, MICHAEL MCNULTY has distinguished himself by serving his constituents on several important committees, including for fifteen years on the Ways and Means Committee, where he is currently the Chairman of the Subcommittee on Social Security.

As Congressman MCNULTY leaves us here in Congress, he goes home to spend more time with his lovely wife Nancy, their four daughters and five grandchildren, who I know

he adores. Our loss is truly their gain, and I am sure that they are thrilled that he will be able to spend more time with them back home in New York.

In conclusion, Madam Speaker, I thank Congressman MCNULTY for his friendship and his service to the people of New York and the United States. I wish him every success in all of his future endeavors.

EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 24, 2008*

Mr. ADERHOLT. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of the Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act, 2009, amendment of the Senate to H.R. 2638 the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act 2008; Division C—Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2009.

Request as named in the report: D-NET: Electrically Charged (ECM) Mesh Defense Net Troop Protection System.

Requesting Member: ADERHOLT.

Bill Number: Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act, 2009, amendment of the Senate to H.R. 2638 the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act 2008.

Account or Provision: Division C—Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2009 RDT&E—Army; Line 10, Missile Technology.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Victory Solutions, Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: 4900 Corporate Drive, Suite A, Huntsville, AL, 35805.

Description of Request: \$2,560,000 will be used to further develop a system to defend against rocket propelled grenades (RPG), mortars, and small rocket fire. The system meets a need for a defense mechanism which uses a non-explosive form of delivery and thereby can be mounted on helicopters without adding danger to the helicopter when it is fired upon. Recent meetings of the contractor with DOD have created a strong interest in possibly first deploying this system to protect ground vehicles. Funding of \$3.2 million would have provided for the following activities, with perhaps more funding needed for the final phase; these plans will be adjusted, to adapt to the final Congressional figure above. Phase II, Task A Net Development R&D (\$500k): Net Material, Ground vehicle version \$80k; Aerial Platform \$80k; 15 Range Tests/Parametric Studies/Validation, \$100k; Labor/Salaries (Engineering and Manufacturing labor), \$240k. Phase II, Task B Launcher Development (\$1M): Ground and Aerial Launcher Design and Development R&D and Fabrication, \$450k; 10 Range Tests, \$75k; Labor for Engineering, Integration and Manufacturing, \$400k; Travel to Govt Program Office Customers, \$75k. Phase II, Task C Launcher Fire Controller (\$500k): Sensor Compatibility Design, Platform Design, Current System Availability Design, \$200k; Fire Control Communication Cards, \$150k; Labor (Engineering and Manual Data Card Configuration), \$150k. Phase II, Task D Integration to Systems & Platforms: